

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

When registering electronic tickets by means of a transmitter/receiver unit located in a railway carriage, for charging purposes data is created in a remote computer system which yields a movement profile for the persons using such tickets. For the anonymous prepaid registration of tickets it is proposed that a shadow account be maintained on the tickets to which postings are made using provisional tariff units contained in transmitted information units. In the remote computer system, a booking or posting is made to an account assigned to the respective ticket, using definitive tariff units contained in tariff tables. When a prepayment is made or at certain points in time the balance of the shadow account is synchronized with the balance on the remote computer system. As a result of the fact that the value of the provisional tariff unit is greater than that of the definitive tariff unit and/or that a discounting scheme can be implemented on the account on the remote computer system, a safety measure of excess balance is present on the ticket account balance.

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